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SUBJECT: CUBANS IN SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

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1. EMBOFF RAISED QUESTION OF CUBAN AND ANGOLAN PRESENCE IN
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AFRICAN DIRECTOR
JULY 10. OFFICIAL STATED GOP HAS ALSO RECEIVED CONFLICTING
REPORTS ON NUMBER OF CUBAN AND ANGOLAN TROOPS IN SAO TOME. THE
GOP IS SENDING A DELEGATION TO MEETING OF THE JOINT PORTUGUESE-
SAO TOME COMMISSION IN SAO TOME JULY 13. ONE MEMBER OF THE
PORTUGUESE DELEGATION WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MORE ACCURATE
ESTIMATES OF ANGOLAN AND CUBAN TROOP PRESENCE. MINISTRY OFFICIAL
PROMISED TO DISCUSS DELEGATE'S OBSERVATIONS UPON RETURN.

2. OFFICIAL SUGGESTED CUBAN AND ANGOLAN PRESENCE MAY
BE RELATED TO RECENT SAO TOME "INVASION" FEARS, OR TO
PROVIDE SECURITY FOR UPCOMING PARTY CONGRESS (IN WHICH
THE GOVERNING PARTY WILL ALLEGEDLY BECOME A MARXIST-
LENINIST PARTY ALONG FRELIMO AND MPLA LINES.)
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